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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
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***Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub. No. 440X); BNSF Railway Company—
Abandonment Exemption—in Thurston County, WA***

Dear Secretary Williams:

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon a 0.23-mile line of railroad between BNSF Engineering Station 521 + 42 and BNSF Engineering Station 533 + 65, in Olympia, Thurston County, WA. Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on April 14, 2006 (71 FR 19617). The exemption became effective on May 16, 2006. The present consummation deadline is April 14, 2007.

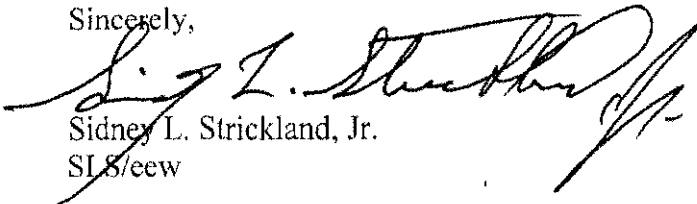
Because BNSF has numerous abandonments currently in process, BNSF has encountered scheduling difficulties with its salvagers. This has led to a delay in the completion of necessary salvage activities. Accordingly, BNSF is requesting an extension of the consummation deadline until April 14, 2008.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 338-1325.

Sincerely,


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